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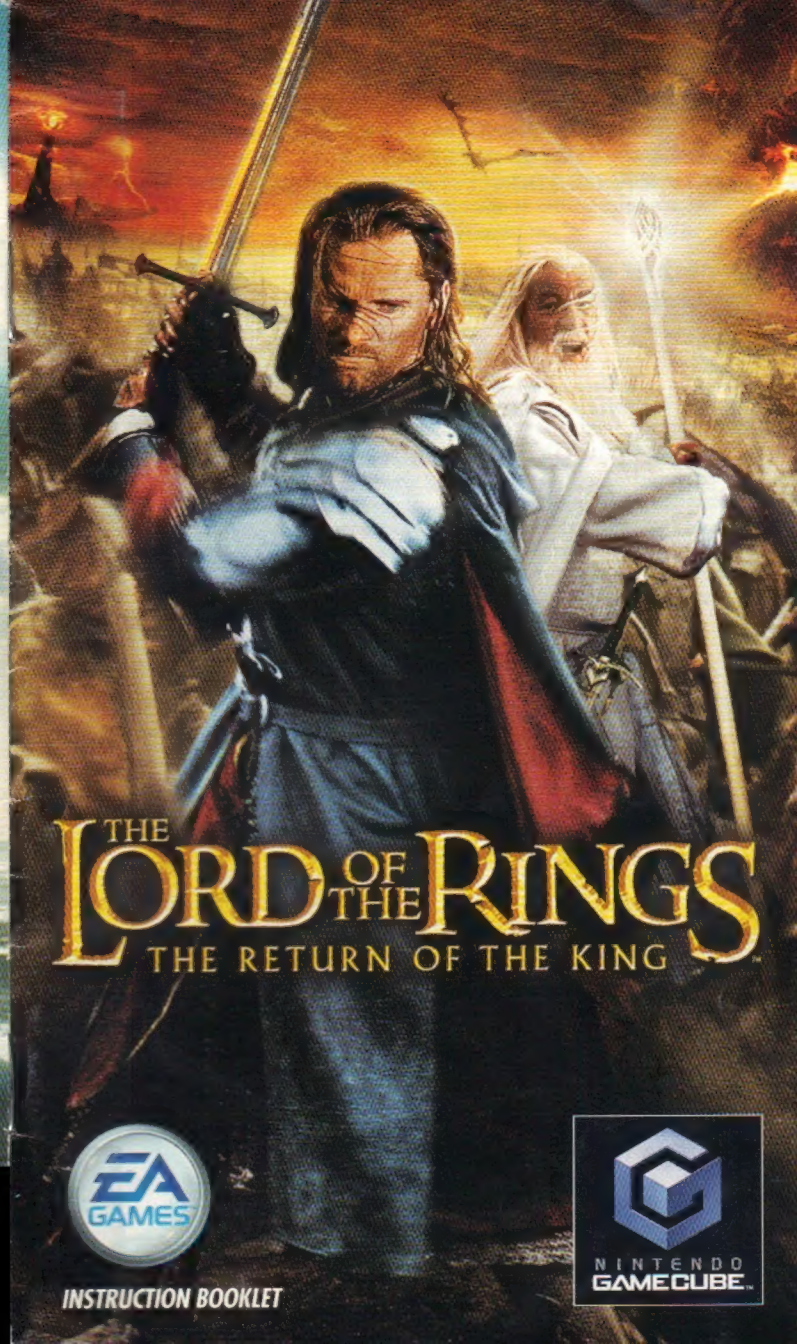
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THE LORD OF THE RINGS

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GETTING STARTED

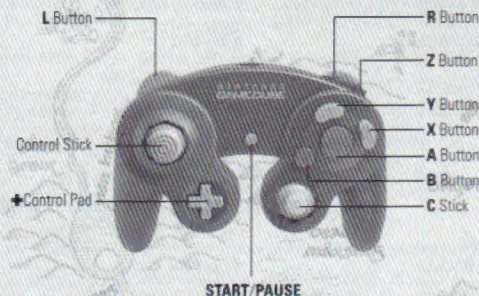
NINTENDO GAMECUBE™



1. Turn OFF the Nintendo GameCube™ by pressing the POWER Button.
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4. Press the POWER Button to turn on the Nintendo GameCube™ and proceed to the *The Lord of the Rings™: The Return of the King™* title screen. If you can't proceed to the title screen, begin again at step 1.
5. At the *The Lord of the Rings™: The Return of the King™* title screen, press **START/PAUSE** to advance to the Main menu (➤ p. 9).

COMMAND REFERENCE

NINTENDO GAMECUBE™ CONTROLLER CONFIGURATIONS



COMPLETE CONTROLS

GAMEPLAY CONTROLS

Move	Control Stick
Speed Attack	A Button or C Stick ⇄
Fierce Attack	Y Button or C Stick ↵
Physical Attack	X Button
Parry	B Button
Action Button	Z Button
Killing Move	R Button
Range Attack	Press and hold the L Button to activate the ranged attack; then press the A Button to fire
Jump Back	⬆Control Pad ↵
Special Ability	L Button - R Button
Pause Game	START/PAUSE

NOTE: The longer you hold the **L** Button - the **A** Button, the more power your ranged attack has.

MENU CONTROLS

Highlight menu item	⬆Control Pad or Control Stick ↵
Change highlighted item	⬆Control Pad or Control Stick ⇄
Select/Go to next screen	A Button
Cancel/Return to previous screen	B Button
Help	Y Button
View level info (Level Selection screen only)	X Button

ATTACKS

Use these basic attacks to defeat even the fiercest foes.

Speed Attack

Take a very quick swipe at your foe.

Physical Attack

Attack an enemy with a punch, kick, or a push to the ground.

Fierce Attack

Strike with a solid blow that can shatter the stoutest shield.

Ranged Attack

Fire an arrow, throw an axe, or shoot with your staff by activating your ranged weapon.

Killing Move

Finish off a fallen enemy with this fatal blow.

Parry

Defend yourself against enemy attacks and arrows with a well-timed parry.

Jump Back

Escape painful blows by jumping out of harm's way.

Action Button

Perform actions such as firing catapults, raising drawbridges, or picking up war pikes.

Special Ability

Activates the unique ability each character possesses.

COMBOS

Your character begins the game with two simple combination moves.

SPEED COMBO

A Button, **A** Button, **A** Button.

FIERCE COMBO

Y Button, **Y** Button.

❖ Many advanced moves can be purchased as upgrades.

❖ When some combos are successfully executed, the power of the attack harms all enemies in the immediate area, often knocking them down.

Orc Bane

Successful Parry, then the **R** Button.

Orc Hewer

The **A** Button, the **A** Button, then the **Y** Button

Ranger Fury

The **Y** Button (hold and release).

NOTE: These attacks must be purchased with experience points before they are available for use.

ORC BANE

A Linked Attack instantly kills an enemy, but must begin with a successful parry.

ORC HEWER

An effective combo for taking out unshielded foes.

RANGER FURY

Press and hold the **Y** Button. This attack takes time, and your character remains in place while charging up the necessary power to pull it off. Once fully charged, let go of the **Y** Button to unleash the attack.

INTRODUCTION

The Fellowship of the Ring formed to save Middle-earth from the treacherous power of The One Ring. From the Council of Elrond in Rivendell they set forth on their journey towards Mordor to destroy The One Ring in the fires of Mount Doom. Many challenges assailed the Fellowship, from Ringwraiths to legions of Orcs to the fearsome Balrog that took the great wizard Gandalf the Grey from their ranks. However, hope ultimately prevailed and the Fellowship kept true to its path.

That is, until the Fellowship split apart as they neared the dangers of Mordor. In the forests of Fangorn, Aragorn, Legolas, and Gimli met up once again with a reborn Gandalf the White and traveled to the lands of Rohan. There, a great battle occurred at Helm's Deep between men and the wizard Saruman's forces of evil. To the East, the hobbits Frodo and Sam searched for a way into Mordor with the destruction of The One Ring in the forefront of their minds.

As the hobbits draw closer to Mount Doom, Aragorn, Gimli, Legolas, and Gandalf travel by various roads to Gondor to aid the men of Middle-earth in preparing a desperate last stand against the unspeakable forces of evil. Against the gates of Minas Tirith, they expect Sauron to unleash thousands of troops to quickly snuff out the hopes of all free people. To withstand the unrelenting forces of Sauron, the members of the Fellowship know the destruction of The One Ring is the only thing that can save them. Will Gondor prevail? Will Frodo and Sam make it to the fires of Mount Doom? In this final chapter of *The Lord of the Rings*, the fate of Middle-earth is in your hands.

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THE JOURNEY CONTINUES

Where will you go and what might you encounter along the way? Choose a character and set out upon your quest.

MAIN MENU

Enter into single or multiplayer battles from the Main menu.

NOTE: If no game has been saved, you must first successfully complete the Helm's Deep level to access the Main menu.



- SINGLE PLAYER** Defeat Sauron's minions in a series of single-player levels.
- CO-OP** Team up with a friend to defend Middle-earth cooperatively.
- OPTIONS** Adjust volume, Subtitle, Rumble, and Difficulty settings.
- CREDITS** View the game's credits.

To start a single-player game:

1. Select **SINGLE PLAYER** in the Main menu. The Single Player menu appears.
 2. Select **NEW GAME** in the Single Player menu. The Difficulty Select screen appears.
 3. Select a difficulty level — **EASY**, **NORMAL**, or **HARD** — and press the **A** Button. The Helm's Deep level begins automatically.
- For more information on cooperative gameplay, ► *Multiplayer* on p. 15.

LEVEL SELECTION

Choose your level and enter into the fray. There are three story paths you may choose. The center path (The Path of the King) in the Level Selection screen is for Aragorn, Legolas, and Gimli. The right-hand path (The Path of the Hobbits) is for Frodo and Sam. The left-hand path (The Path of the Wizard) is for Gandalf. The level you choose determines which characters you can play in order to complete the level.

- ❖ Once you have successfully completed the Helm's Deep level, the Level Selection screen appears.
- To select a level, highlight it and press the **A** Button.
- ❖ Unlock new levels by winning the previous level.
- ❖ Once you complete the full game, you are able to replay a level as any of the characters.
- ❖ Many extras are also available from the Level Selection screen, including interviews and secret levels. The more you achieve in the game, the more you unlock.

CHARACTER SELECTION

There are three character paths. The path you choose determines which characters you may play in a given level.

- ❖ Once you have chosen a level to complete, the Character Selection screen appears.
- To cycle through available characters, press the **+**Control Pad **↔**.
- To select a highlighted character, press the **A** Button.

NOTE: Only characters that are highlighted can be selected.

- ❖ Hidden characters are unlocked as you advance through the game.

OPTIONS

Adjust sound, controller, and difficulty settings from the Options menu.

- To access the Options menu, select **OPTIONS** in the Main menu and press the **A** Button.

MUSIC VOL	Make the background music louder or softer.
VOICEOVER VOL	Adjust the volume of the character's voices.
SUBTITLES	Turn in-game subtitles ON or OFF .
RUMBLE	Turn the Rumble feature ON or OFF .
DIFFICULTY	Select between EASY , NORMAL , or HARD .

PLAYING THE GAME

To defeat Sauron's evil forces, you must use all the cunning, courage, and talents at your disposal.

GAMEPLAY SCREEN

Mastering the gameplay screen is the first step towards saving Middle-earth.



Health Meter

As you take damage, your Health Meter depletes. When the bar is completely empty, you are defeated.

Experience Meter

Experience points are awarded each time you defeat an enemy. This allows you to gain levels and access more powerful skills.

Special Ability Meter

You can use your character's Special Ability by pressing the **L** Button and the **R** Button. The special ability will be active for a short period of time (the character icon will begin to white out). You will need to wait for the ability to recharge, when the character icon is in full color, before using it again.

Ranged Weapon

As you use your ranged weapon, this number will decrease until more ammunition is picked up.

Skill Meter

Earn higher ratings and experience points by stringing together successful hits. These experience points can be redeemed for upgrades. There are four ratings: Fair, Good, Excellent, and Perfect. If the Perfect rating is achieved, all your attacks cause additional damage for a brief period of time and the experience received for each kill is doubled.

Crucial Information

One or more gauges can appear in the upper right hand corner of the screen. These gauges can represent things like the paths you must take, tasks you must accomplish, or enemies you must slay.

- ❖ Parrying is a vital part of swordplay. It deflects incoming arrows, prevents damage if outnumbered, and when done successfully, allows you to perform instant killing moves.
- ❖ Jumping back from enemies can help you keep the health you already have.
- ❖ Walking over potions will restore lost health.
- ❖ After using the Special Ability, the meter will be grayed out until it is recharged. By default, the Special Ability meter is full until used.

PAUSE MENU

Even the fiercest warrior needs a break from battle.

- To pause the game mid-battle, press **START/PAUSE**.

Resume

Continue gameplay where you left off.

Mission Tips

Get tips and advice on completing the level.

Show Upgrades

See a list of your current upgrades.

Options

Access sound, controller vibration, and difficulty settings.

Exit to Menu

Quit the current level and return to the Level Selection screen.

COMPLETING YOUR TASK

Determine how well you completed your level's objectives.

SCORING RESULTS SCREEN

At the end of each level, this screen summarizes your accomplishments.



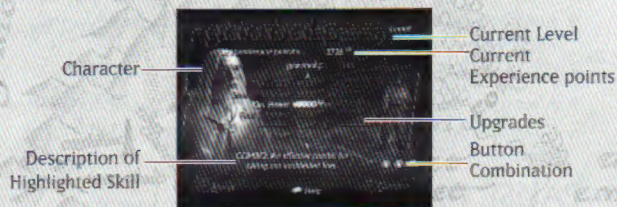
Completing a level gains you experience points. These are redeemable for new skills and abilities.

- To accept your earned experience points and move on to the Upgrades screen, select **CONTINUE** and press the **A** Button.
- To replay the last level, select **REPLAY** and press the **A** Button.

NOTE: You can always replay a level later by selecting it from Level Selection screen (➔ p. 16).

UPGRADES

Improve your skills by spending your acquired experience points.



- To scroll through the list of possible upgrades, press your **Control Pad** . The skills, and the experience points required to obtain them, are highlighted.
- To toggle between Fellowship upgrades and Character upgrades, highlight either by pressing your **Control Pad** .
- ❖ Upgrades are purchased based on experience level. If a character wishes to purchase an upgrade, he must reach the experience level required by that upgrade in order to do so.
- ❖ Fellowship upgrades benefit all playable characters that have reached the experience level required by the upgrade. Character upgrades benefit only the character it was intended for.
- ❖ When a Fellowship upgrade is purchased, each member of the Fellowship must reach the indicated level before they can use it.
- To purchase an upgrade, highlight it and press the **A Button**. A prompt appears asking if you wish to confirm your selection. Select **YES** and press the **A Button**. The skill is upgraded.
- ❖ Be sure you have enough experience points to afford a desired skill.

COOPERATIVE MULTIPLAYER


Form your own Fellowship with a friend and defend Middle-earth.

To start a cooperative multiplayer game:

1. Select **CO-OP** in the Main menu. The Co-op menu appears.
2. Select **NEW GAME** in the Co-op menu and press the **A Button**. The difficulty selection screen appears.
3. Select the difficulty level you wish to use and press the **A Button**. The Level Selection screen appears.
4. Choose the level you wish to play and press the **A Button**. The Character Selection screen appears.
5. Select the character for player one, then select a character for player two. Gameplay begins.

CONNECTIVITY

If you own both the Game Boy® Advance and Nintendo GameCube™ versions of *The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King* you can use a Nintendo GameCube™ — Game Boy® Advance cable to connect your Game Boy® Advance system to your Nintendo GameCube™.

1. Turn OFF the power switch on your Game Boy® Advance and turn OFF the Nintendo GameCube™ by pressing the POWER Button.
2. Insert *The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King* Game Pak into the slot on the Game Boy® Advance. To lock the Game Pak in place, press firmly.
3. Connect the Game Boy® Advance and Nintendo GameCube™ with a Nintendo GameCube™ — Game Boy® Advance cable.
4. Insert the *The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King* Nintendo GameCube™ Game Disc into the Optical Disc Drive of your Nintendo GameCube™ and then turn both systems ON.
5. On your Game Boy® Advance, press the **Control Pad**  to highlight a language and then press the **A** Button to confirm. The title screen appears.
6. Press **START** to continue to the Main menu on your Game Boy® Advance. The Main menu appears.
7. Select GCN LINK from the Main menu on your Game Boy® Advance and press the **A** Button.
8. On your Nintendo GameCube™, press **START** to continue to the Main menu. The Main menu appears.
9. Select SINGLE PLAYER in the Main menu and press the **A** Button.
10. Select LOAD GAME and press the **A** Button. The Load Game screen appears.
11. Select a saved game and press the **A** Button. The Level Selection screen appears.
12. Press the **Z** Button in the Level Selection screen and follow the onscreen instructions. Your Game Boy® Advance and Nintendo GameCube™ are now linked.

HEROES

Get to know the members of the Fellowship.

GANDALF

Gandalf knows that desperate plans are required as the specter of darkness grows over Middle-earth and Sauron's armies issue forth from Mordor to destroy the world of Men. The White Wizard liberates Rohan and the war is turned toward Minas Tirith, the last great stronghold of free people, where he intends to distract Sauron's gaze with a final, bold defense.

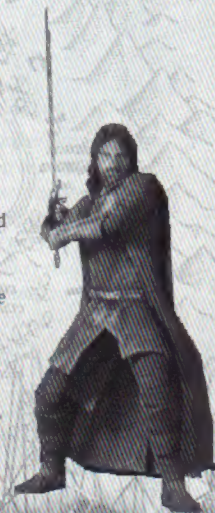
As an advisor of Men, Gandalf musters the defenses of Gondor to stand firm in the face of darkness. As a warrior on the battlefield, Gandalf conjures shockwaves with his staff to knock enemies aside and then with his sword, he slays them with ease. But victory cannot be won by force of arms alone, and Gandalf's plans are meant to buy time, knowing all hope rests in the success of Frodo's quest.



ARAGORN

As the last descendant of the Kings of Men, Aragorn is fated to claim the long-empty throne of Gondor, should he prove worthy of this task. But to fulfill his destiny, Aragorn must first pass through the Paths of the Dead and attempt to command horrible foes who once betrayed Gondor. Then he must return to Minas Tirith and fight Sauron's hoard in defense of this besieged city. And, should he survive this path, Aragorn must at last face The Dark Lord's servants before the very gates of Mordor.

As a Ranger and Elf friend, Aragorn's ability with the bow allows him to defeat opponents at long range. His true prowess, however, lies in close combat. Wielding a reforged Narsil, the legendary sword that defeated Sauron, Aragorn is a deadly combatant on the battlefield, easily defeating multiple foes.



LEGOLAS

Although the Fellowship that set forth from Rivendell has been divided, still the friendship that binds these comrades together holds true. In support of Aragorn, Legolas and Gimli fight beside each other through hardship and peril, despite their differences. Yet their greatest challenges are yet to come, as they enter this war alone and vastly outnumbered.

As a fighter, Legolas' skill with matched blades has won him the respect of his friends. But it is the bow of Legolas that will often turn the tide of battle, his deadly accuracy stopping foes in their tracks. Legolas risks his immortality in the cause of all free Men, and he will not permit Aragorn or Gimli to go on without him — to whatever end.



GIMLI

As sturdy in spirit as he is in stature, Gimli the Dwarf is a formidable warrior. His skill with his weapons and his unflappable spirit earn for him a strong and unlikely bond with Aragorn and Legolas. Despite the distrust between Elf and Dwarf, all three of these warriors share a deep admiration for each other, forged in the fires of combat.

Armed with axes and the sheer force of his will, Gimli can quickly defeat enemies nearly twice his size. His ferocity in combat is a perfect compliment to the swordplay of Aragorn and the bow skill of Legolas. Together these companions intend to become an unstoppable force, helping Gandalf turn the tide in their war against Sauron



FRODO

In the final days of the War of the Ring, the fate of all Middle-earth rests in the hands of Frodo Baggins. Now upon the most difficult part of his long journey, Frodo and his trusted companion Sam at last approach the devastated land of Mordor, home of The Dark Lord Sauron. With every step taken toward that fell place, the burden upon Frodo grows heavier.

Relentlessly pursued by Ringwraiths mounted upon huge flying beasts, Frodo and Sam must trust Gollum, if they hope to find safe passage through the encircling Orc forces. While huge armies rage around them, these two small hobbits must never falter, for failure will bring about the ruin of the world.



SAM

Often the unlikely may become the great heroes, and Sam Gamgee is destined to become the greatest hero of all. Every step taken by a weary and worn Frodo brings these two hobbits closer to Mount Doom and the fulfillment of their quest. Sam is always at Frodo's side, his unswerving loyalty and conviction of heart giving them hope, despite the seeming impossibility of their task and the odds against their success

Sam is a warrior created by necessity, determined, ferocious and deadly despite his small size. His quick thinking and ability to use stealth to his advantage must get him — and Frodo — out of some very tight spots. Yet Sam's greatest strength is his love for his friend and his commitment to see things through.



SAVING AND LOADING

Games can be saved at the end of each level.

NOTE: Never insert or remove a Nintendo GameCube™ Memory Card when loading or saving files.

- ◆ Each saved game contains the adventures of all the characters that have been used before in that game.

You must have a Memory Card inserted into Nintendo GameCube™ Memory Card Slot A to save or load.

To save a game:

1. Select **CONTINUE** from the Upgrades screen and press the **A** Button. You are prompted to confirm if you wish to save your game.
2. Select **YES** and press the **A** Button. The Memory Card prompt appears.
3. Select the location into which you would like to save your game and press the **A** Button. A prompt appears asking if you are sure you want to save to this location.
4. Select **YES** and press the **A** Button. The game is saved.

To load a single player game:

1. Select **SINGLE PLAYER** in the Main menu and press the **A** Button. The Single Player menu appears.
2. Select **LOAD GAME** in the Single Player menu and press the **A** Button. The Load Game screen appears.
3. Select which saved game you wish to continue by highlighting it and pressing the **A** Button. The game is resumed.

To load a cooperative multiplayer game:

1. Select **CO-OP** in the Main menu. The Co-op menu appears.
2. Select **LOAD GAME** in the Co-op menu. The Load Game screen appears.
3. Select which saved game you wish to continue by highlighting it and pressing the **A** Button. The game is resumed.

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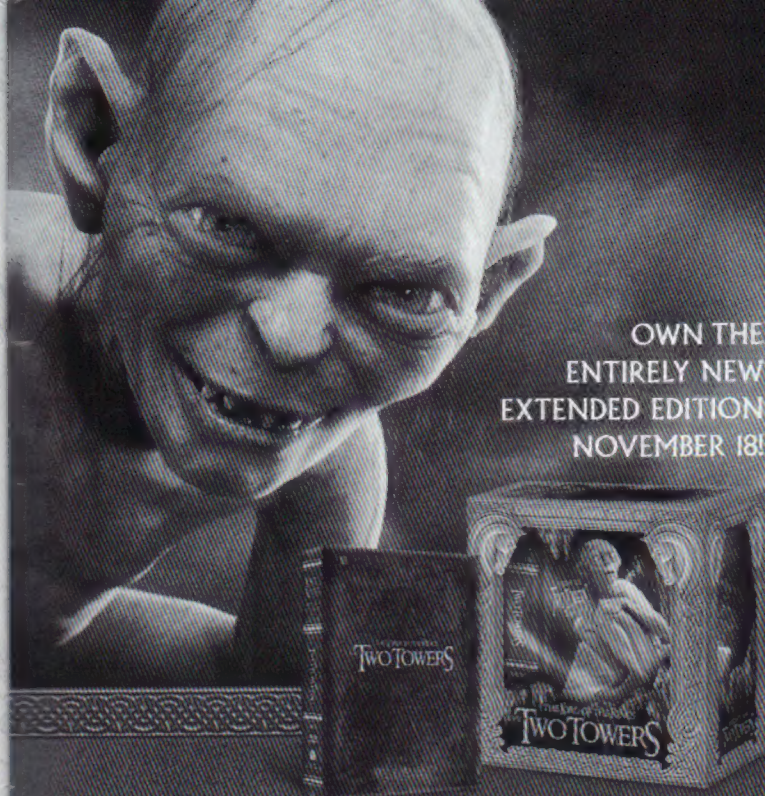
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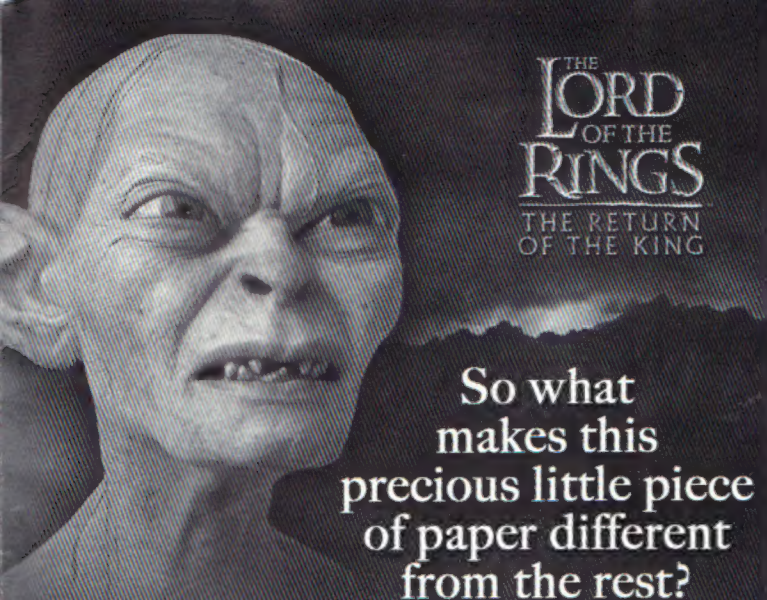
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